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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR: MALI

REF: STATE 207335

1. WE CONCUR IN DRAFT CONTAINED REFTEL WITH FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED REVISIONS:

2. BROAD-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHANGE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO READ:

"SUPPORT MALIAN EFFORTS TO INCREASE NATIONAL FOOD PRODUCTION AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF RURAL LIFE THROUGH LONG-TERM PROJECT IN IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING, RURAL HEALTH, AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, AND TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES."

(COMMENT: REVISION IS DESIGNATED TO EXTEND GOAL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT GENERAL ECONOMIC GROWTH BEYOND INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION.)

CHANGE FOURTH OBJECTIVE TO READ:

"--SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF FOOD PRODUCTION, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RURAL HEALTH."

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(COMMENT: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN RURAL HEALTH AND WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THEIR ACTIVITY IN THAT FIELD.)

3. REGIONAL COOPERATION: CHANGE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO READ:

"--ENCOURAGE MALIAN PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZA-

TIONS, INCLUDING ECOWAS."

COMMENT: HAS DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO BACK ECOWAS AHEAD OF OTHER REGIONAL GROUPINGS? MALIANS SUPPORT ECOWAS BUT SEE GREATER AND EARLIER POSSIBILITIES IN CEAO, FOR EXAMPLE.)

4. BILATERAL RELATIONS: CHANGE ENTIRE SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"--CONTINUE DIALOUGE WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF SHARED INTEREST: NIO, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOUGE, AND PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SEEK TO MOVE MALIAN GOVERNMENT TO MORE GENUINELY NEUTRAL POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

-- STRIVE FOR BETTER ACCESS TO THE RULING MALIAN MILITARY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF MINOR FMS ITEMS SUCH AS AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES.

--UTILIZE USIS INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE HIGH-LEVEL UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY AND AMERICAN SOCIETY AND TO IMPART AMERICAN LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY.

--ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS VISITS."

(COMMENT: ADDITIONAL GOAL IS LISTED TO COVER THE MILITARY AND A SEPARATE AND FULLER OBJECTIVE IS SET FORTH FOR USIS, WHICH HAS A CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE HERE.)

5. U. S. PRIVATE SECTOR: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FIRST GOAL, BUT NOTE THAT FROM PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW THERE IS NO PROBLEM, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST ITS ELIMINATION. CHANGE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO READ:

"--SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR U. S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN AGRIBUSINESS AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MALIAN NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE."

(COMMENT: AGRIBUSINESS HAS BEEN ADDED BECAUSE MALIANS ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO U. S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THAT AREA.)

6. NO CHANGES REQUESTED IN ANY OTHER PARTS OF DRAFT.
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